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Education

Introduction of compulsory elementary education in Salem and South Arcot districts.

* 39 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) in how many areas of the South Arcot and Salem districts has compulsory elementary education been introduced, and what they are;

(b) how many proposals for the introduction of compulsory education from the municipal and local authorities in the districts of Salem, South Arcot and Coimbatore are pending before the Government for sanction; and

(c) what they are, and when the Government propose to dispose of them ?

A.—(a) In none of the areas in the districts.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Prisons and Prisoners

Classification of Mr. B. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar as a 'C' class prisoner.

40 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the rules are that are observed in classifying the prisoners convicted on account of Civil Disobedience Movement as A, B and C classes;

(b) whether it is a fact that B. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar of Arni in the district of North Arcot was arrested on the 15th February 1932 on account of the Civil Disobedience Movement and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year and placed in 'C' class; and

(c) whether the hon. the Law Member has been pleased to enquire into the position of the prisoner before classification ?

A.—(a) The rules relating to classification of convicts will be found in the Press Communiqué No. 219, dated 19th March 1930, published on pages 456–458 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th March 1930.

(b) Yes: except that the convict was in addition sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six weeks.

(c) Yes.

Alleged ill-treatment of women in Vellore Jail.

41 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the jail authorities in the Vellore jail remove the *kumkum* from the forehead of married women who are confined in that jail, and if so, the authority under which they are so acting; and

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that only two meals are given for C class prisoners, one between 12 noon and 1 p.m. and another between 4 and 5 p.m., and that children are not given anything till 12 noon?

A.—(*a*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and that to the second part does not arise.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 347 and 836 (3) of the Madras Jail Manual.

Famine Relief

Economic distress in the Bellary district.

42 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been receiving reports from local officers about the seasonal conditions in the Bellary district;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the prevalence of acute agricultural distress in the taluks of Bellary and Alur and parts of Siruguppa and Rayadrug;

(*c*) how long do they expect to continue the present test which has already been tried beyond the required period of fifteen days;

(*d*) whether the attendance during the test stage has not justified the conversion of these works into relief works;

(*e*) what the wage earned per day is in every one of the camps by a man, woman and child during test stage; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the reports of the Collector and the Famine Commissioner on the economic distress in the district immediately before the test stage?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 1 of the Press Communiqué [a] issued on 29th June 1932, a copy of which is appended. The Government are aware that there has been a failure of crops in the area mentioned; the reliefs detailed in the Press Communiqué and the opening of test works are measures taken by the Government to meet the situation.

(*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the concluding portion of the Press Communiqué issued on 29th June 1932. No period of 15 days has been specified as the maximum for a test-work.

(*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*e*) of question No. 26.

(*f*) The Government received a report under section 46 (*a*) of the Famine Code from the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement but consider it unnecessary to lay it on the table of the Legislative Council.

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a Printed as Appendix VI on pages 115–117 infra.

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Relief works in Bellary district.

43 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Famine Code applies when only a few taluks of a district in a presidency are affected;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in 1926–27 on the representations of the then Collector, Mr. Crofton, the Famine Code was held inapplicable in such a situation;

(*c*) whether the same view was adopted for the first five months this time when about 20,000 labourers were employed upon making useful roads and drinking wells and ponds with a living wage of 3 annas to 1 anna;

(*d*) what the recommendations were of the Famine Commissioner who visited the camps in the Bellary district several times during these five months;

(*e*) why were his recommendations and those of the Collector and of the president, district board, turned down and the test works started which ought to have been initiated at the very beginning if there was an idea of application of Famine Code;

(*f*) how many relief camps were working before test stage and how many were closed when test works were ordered;

(*g*) what the wage that is earned by a man, a woman and boy or girl during the test stage is;

(*h*) what the cost is of running a camp at the test stage and what the cost was of running it before the test stage; and

(*i*) now that the test has been submitted to and people have been flocking to camps why there is delay in converting them into relief works?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The hon. Member, as President, District Board, Bellary, suggested in 1927 that instead of opening famine camps, grants might be made to the District Board in order to carry out certain works for the employment of labour. Mr. Crofton supported the suggestion.

(*c*) The method of providing employment that was adopted in 1927 was adopted this year up to the last week of May.

(*d*) The Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement visited the district in February and May and made various recommendations.

(*e*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 4 of the Press Communiqué issued on 29th June 1932, which gives the reasons for the change in the system. Under section 33-A of the Famine Code, the Collector, if he considers that the measure of unemployment on account of adverse season is likely to be serious and to lead to distress, should, among other things, move the local boards to expand their programme of ordinary works. If the preliminary measures do not materially improve the outlook, he should open test works. The procedure adopted by the Government was in no way at variance with the provisions of the Famine Code.

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(*f*) There were no famine relief camps before the test works were opened; if the hon. Member is referring to the works carried on as an expansion of ordinary works he is referred to the answers to clauses (*b*) and (*d*) of question No. 26.

(*g*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*e*) of question No. 26.

(*h*) The Government have not the information.

(*i*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 42.

Land Revenue Administration

Appointment of outsiders as Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in Anantapur district.

44 *Q.*—Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that outsiders have been imported into the Anantapur district as Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations to the effect that the prospects of the officers of the Revenue subordinate service in the district have consequently suffered?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information.

(*b*) No.

Enumeration of livestock in this Province.

45 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in detail the method or methods employed in enumerating the livestock of this province and the steps taken to ensure that they allow of no inaccuracies creeping into the statistical records?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the instructions for preparing Village Account No. 21 and the form of that account contained in the "Revised Forms of Village Accounts." Usually Village Officers are assembled at convenient centres in advance of the quinquennial census and the instructions in the Manual are explained to them by Revenue Officers.

Public Service

Age-limit of Viswabrahmans for entry into public service.

46 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any decision has been arrived at with regard to raising the age-limit of the Viswabrahmana community from 25 to 30 years for entry into Government service;

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(b) whether any proposal was sent to the Government by the Madras Services Commission that unless the age-limit of Viswabrahman candidates was raised from 25 to 28 years for appearing before the Services Commission Examinations it would be impossible to provide proper representation of the community in public services; and

(c) the orders of the Government regarding the same?

A.—(a) No such question has been considered.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Local Self-Government

Memorial from the employees of Mangalore Municipality regarding contribution to their provident fund.

47 Q.—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any memorial from the employees of the Mangalore municipality on the subject of contribution to their provident fund;

(b) whether the point raised involves any legal difficulties;

(c) whether the Government have obtained legal opinion and, if so, with what result;

(d) what other action, if any, has been taken on the memorial; and

(e) whether any and, if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) No.

(d) & (e) As the Government cannot permit any deviation from the Provident Fund Rules issued in a statutory form, the memorialists were informed that their request cannot be complied with.

Publication of annual statistics regarding cow slaughter.

48 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are proposing to instruct municipalities to give statistics regarding cow slaughter in their annual administration reports; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not consider that any public purpose would be served by calling for the information.

Slaughter of cattle beyond municipal and cantonment limits.

49 Q.—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the approximate number of cows and bullocks slaughtered every year in the areas beyond municipal and cantonment limits?

A.—The Government have no information.

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Resolutions by municipalities regarding prohibition of cow slaughter.

50 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of such municipalities in this Presidency that have passed resolutions prohibiting cow slaughter or restricting slaughter of milch cattle in their prime age;

(*b*) whether they have been allowed to carry out the resolutions by Government without any check; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

A.—(*a*) Resolutions on the subject passed by the following municipal councils came to the notice of Government:—

1. Anakapalle.	6. Guntur.
2. Masulipatam.	7. Nellore.
3. Coimbatore.	8. Erode.
4. Bezwada.	9. Palacole.
5. Vizagapatam.	10. Chingleput.

The Coimbatore Municipal Council subsequently rescinded its resolution.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government were advised that it is not open to a municipal council to prohibit the slaughtering of cows and cattle within municipal limits and that any resolution or a bylaw framed by the council prohibiting it will be ultra vires.

Medical Administration

Enquiry into the trouble among students in the Government School of Indian Medicine.

51 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the hon. Member is aware of the trouble caused among the students of the Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras, on the 17th February 1932;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any memorial from certain advocates of Madras who witnessed the incident;

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received any report from the Principal of the School of Indian Medicine?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have received a copy of a statement issued to the press by some advocates who held an enquiry into the matter. No advocate witnessed the incident.

(*c*) It was forwarded to the Principal, Indian Medical School.

(*d*) The Principal has made a final report on the matter.

Registration of L.I.M.'s.

52 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has made any arrangement for the registration of the Licentiate of Indian Medicine; and

(*b*) if not, why not; and

(*c*) when he expects to be able to decide the question of registering the L.I.M.'s ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Central Board of Indian Medicine, constituted to advise Government on matters relating to Indian Medicine, has formulated proposals for the registration of L.I.M.'s. They are under consideration.

Supervision of L.I.M.'s working in rural dispensaries.

53 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the fact that the L.I.M.'s are working in rural dispensaries;

(*b*) what provision he has made for supervising their work and the dispensaries; and

(*c*) if he has not yet made any, what he intends doing and when ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have decided that till the question of constituting a suitable inspecting agency for these institutions is settled, their control and supervision should vest in the local boards concerned.

(*c*) The Principal, Government Indian Medical School, has separately forwarded the proposals of the Central Board of Indian Medicine for the appointment of Inspecting Medical Officers for supervising the work of the medical practitioners in charge of the institutions of Indian Medicine. The proposals are under the consideration of Government.

Opening a Central Store of Indian Medicine.

54 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state, what arrangements he is going to make for opening a Central Store of Indian Medicine ?

A.—Proposals for opening a Central Store of Indian Medicine were deferred pending the constitution of the Central Board of Indian Medicine to advise Government on matters relating to Indian Medicine. The question will now be taken up in consultation with the Central Board which has since been constituted.

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Village Panchayats

Travelling allowance of an Honorary Organizer of Village Panchayats.

55 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the minimum and maximum amount is that can be drawn as travelling allowance by a Taluk Honorary Organizer of Village Panchayats according to rules, if any;

(*b*) how many times they are expected to tour in the year and whether they are required to maintain diaries regarding the nature of their work in villages; and

(*c*) the number of Honorary Organizers of Village Panchayats in the district of Kistna and the area allotted to each of the said Honorary Organizers of Village Panchayat Boards?

A.—(*a*) There are no fixed minima or maxima. A fixed allowance of Rs. 2 a day is given to honorary organizers for journeys performed beyond a radius of five miles from their headquarters under the specific orders of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

(*b*) No minimum touring has been prescribed. They are required to maintain diaries.

(*c*) The information is furnished below:—

Taluk.	Number of honorary organizers.
Kaikalur	3
Bezwada	1
Tiruvur	1
Gudivada	2
Gannavaram	1

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV.—ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned against each:—

(1) The Madras Cotton Control Act—28th April 1932.
(2) The Madras Co-operative Societies Act—9th May 1932."

V.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce to the House that under rule 3 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I have nominated the following four Members of the Council to be a Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council:—

(1) Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam.
(2) Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar.
(3) Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar.
(4) Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan."